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To the
Council of Administration.

The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Please present my name for election as a life
member of The American Numismatic Society.

Samuel R. Betts
52 William St. New York

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SAMUEL R. BETTS
JAMES R. SHEFFIELD
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L. F. H. BETTS.

BETTS, SHEFFIELD, BENTLEY & BETTS,
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS:
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK.

October 14, 1908.

William Poillon, Esq.,
c/o American Numismatic Society,
Audubon Park & 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your circular letter and suggestion that my name should be presented to the council of administration of American Numismatic Society for election to membership. Although I am not a collector in this particular line, yet I am interested in the permanent success of the society, particularly since it has become established in its own building, etc. Therefore, with a view to helping in its work, I authorize the presentation of my name for election as a life member, in accordance with the terms of your circular, and shall be pleased to remit the membership fee on receiving notification of my election.

Yours truly,

Sam R Betts

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AUDUBON PARK
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY
NEW YORK

November 18 1908

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that you were elected ^{by} a member of The American Numismatic Society at a meeting held on the 16th inst, on the nomination of Mr. William Trillon

Kindly advise me of your acceptance, also if you desire to become a life member.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Betts

Recording Secretary.

Samuel R. Betts Esq
52 William St.
New York

Initiation Fee,	<i>check enclosed for</i>	\$ 10.00
Annual Dues (payable in advance)		\$ 10.00

or
Life Membership fee (in lieu of initiation fee and all dues) to order A. N. S. \$100.00

Please acknowledge receipt, & send certificate if
any issued to members upon
Sam R Betts

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CABLE ADDRESS
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK

April 27, 1909.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Secretary, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have in my possession badges or medals as designated below, and which, while of no real artistic value, may be interesting as souvenirs of the special occasions, and also as showing what was done in such matters. I do not know whether you collect such things at all or not, but if you do I shall be pleased to send you all or any of these articles for your collections. They are as follows:

1. Medal of the Admiral Dewey celebration at Washington, October, 1899, bearing his bust on one side and battleship on the other, and which hangs from crossbar, ribbon, etc., showing capital at Washington, crossed flags, etc.; apparently made of bronze.

2. Souvenir badge of the Admiral Dewey reception committee of Washington, October, 1899, with red, white and blue ribbon and crossbar attached, bearing his bust on one side, etc.; in bright brass, appearing metal.

3. Official medal of National Peace Jubilee, October, 1898, together with reception committee bar, and red, white and blue ribbon attached; in bright metal looking like brass.

4. Medal of Peace Jubilee held at Atlanta, Georgia, 1898, together with souvenir bar, and red, white and blue ribbon attached; in white metal (3 copies).

April 27, 1909.

5. Medal of National Association of Manufacturers, Third Annual Convention, New York, January, 1898; in white metal; apparently has been a pendant from some bar or ribbon.

If you care for any or all of these, or care to have them sent for inspection before accepting, I shall be pleased to conform with your wishes, if you will write me in the matter. I may add that I am a life member of the Society. I appreciate that very probably you may have what is above referred to, or may not care for it, but I thought it worth while offering, and, of course, do not desire you to accept the above unless really wanted. *But you can take & use as duplicate, if you desire*

Yours very truly,

Sam R Betts

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We have

1 - would like another

April 26, 1906

Mr. Samuel S. Watts,
58 William Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 27th instant, and I find that we have the first medal that you mention, but we would be glad to have a duplicate, the other four medals we need.

The Society collects coins and medals of all countries and all kinds,-- any thing in the way of numismatics, its collections are very extensive and interesting, and I hope you will come up some time soon and look at what we have, the building is open every day.

Franklin Wood, on behalf of the Society, for the medals.

I am, believe me,

Very truly yours

Recording Secretary.

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JAMES R SHEFFIELD
EDWARD M BENTLEY
L F H BETTS.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK

April 30, 1909.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Recording Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Audubon Park and 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 29th is received. I am pleased to learn that you would like the medals, and am, accordingly, sending the articles mentioned in my letter to you of April 27th, by messenger boy from my office, with this letter, and to be delivered personally at the building of the Society. He can either be given a receipt on the spot, or a letter can be written, so that I shall be sure they have been delivered. I am sending all three copies of the Atlanta Peace Jubilee medal, as you may be able to utilize them as duplicates, for exchange, etc.

Have you any copies of the Yale Bi-Centennial medals issued in 1902, on the occasion of the bi-centennial celebration of that University? The medal was issued in silver, in bronze, and in green bronze. Let me know on this point, and if you are deficient in these, I may be able to do something towards supplying the deficiency.

Very truly,

Samuel R. Betts

New York, 1898.

Mr. Samuel S. Betts,
52 William Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of yesterday and the medals have been duly received, and I desire to thank you, on behalf of the Society, I enclose herewith our Curator's receipt.

As to the Yale Bi-centennial medal,-- we have it in bronze only, not in either silver or green bronze, and we would be very glad if we could obtain it in these metals, it is an important and fine medal.

Very truly yours

Secretary.

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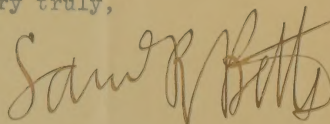
May 22, 1909.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Secretary, American Numismatic Society,
Audubon Park and 186th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to yours of May 1st, in regard to the Yale Bicentennial Medal, in which you stated that you had not in your collection copies of it in silver, and green-bronze. I have made an effort to secure those you lacked, in order to present to you for your collection. I have been able to secure a copy of the green bronze medal, and I am sending it to you herewith, by messenger, as a gift from me to the American Numismatic Society, for its collection. But the supply of the silver medals I find has long since been exhausted, and I have been unable to secure one. I regret this, and have left an order for one, and if it turns up later, shall be glad to present it. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,



Enclosure

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4/11/76

1000 N. 1st Avenue

4th Floor - Room 400

San Francisco, CA

Subject: [redacted] of your letter

dated 4/1/76.

Re: [redacted] of your letter

BETTS, SHEFFIELD, BENTLEY & BETTS,

SAMUEL R BETTS
JAMES R SHEFFIELD
EDWARD M BENTLEY
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COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK

FEB 1 1910
CABLE ADDRESS
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK

JAMES J. COSGROVE
WILLIAM TALLMAN
JOHN W. PETERS
RAMSAY HOGUET

February 1, 1910.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Director American Numismatic Society,
West 156th Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to circular addressed to members of American Numismatic Society, dated January 1, 1910 and today received by me, find enclosed my check to your order for \$1.00, for one copy in bronze of the medal designed by Boine, referred to in the circular. Please send it to me at my business address, 52 William Street, New York.

Yours truly,

Samuel R. Betts

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CABLE ADDRESS.
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK.

March 14, 1910.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Director, American Numismatic Society,
West 156th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your printed circular of March 1st, find enclosed my check to your order for \$5.00, for one copy in bronze of the Grover Cleveland Plaque. of which you announce the issue. Please send it, when issued, to my address as above.

If you can do so conveniently, I would be much obliged if you would send me a list of any medals which have been issued by the American Numismatic Society, from the beginning down to date, and of which copies in bronze are still available for sale to members, together with prices therefor. I have in mind securing such of the former issues as are still obtainable in bronze. This need not include the 100th year Diocese of New York medal last

issued, of which I have a copy. I want to supply the "Yale College Collection" with any they lack -

Very truly,

Samuel R. Betts

New York, April 12, 1910.

Received from THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

One package, For Mr. Samuel R. Petts,
52 William Street,
New York City.

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S. R. Petts

SAMUEL R. BETTS.
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CABLE ADDRESS,
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK.

December 22, 1911.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

In the "American Journal of Numismatics," published last September, I noticed an account of "A Taft-Diaz Medal." As I am a collector of medals relating to Yale University and its graduates (President Taft graduated there in 1878), I wrote to Mr. Marvin, the editor, in regard to the matter, and he called my attention to the fact that these medals purported to be struck by "Schwaab of Milwaukee". I got in touch with that firm, and found the medals had been issued in two forms in respect to reverse, one being that described in the Journal of Numismatics, viz., with the Texas star in a wreath of laurel, and also another form with the American eagle, shield and flags on the reverse. I also learned that the stock on hand had been exhausted, but they still had the dies, and I had interest enough in the matter to have them reset the dies and strike off some additional medals, so that I could present copies to your Society and to Yale University, in addition to those I retained. Although the execution is crude, the fact that the medal was considered worthy of mention in the Journal of Numismatics made me think you would like to have copies,

and there is also an historical interest in the matter, particularly in view of what has happened to President Diaz since the occasion commemorated. Please find sent herewith copies of the two forms of medals above referred to, which I am pleased to present to the Society for its collection. I enclose typewritten copy of the notice in the Journal of Numismatics.

Yours very truly,

Sam R Betts
(life member)

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December 2nd, 1911.

Mr. Samuel H. Wells,
of Wilkes-Barre,
Pa. (Pa.).

My dear Sir:-

I have received your interesting letter of December 2nd in-
spired with the John-Dean matter, and which I received on December 1st.

Even though it is so soon after Christmas, this small note, as
far as I am concerned, has been so interesting an interesting event,
and is, therefore, most interesting to me, and I am delighted to find that
you were able to get the difficult matter.

With the compliments of the season, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Director.

SAMUEL R. BETTS,
JAMES R. SHEFFIELD,
EDWARD W. BENTLEY,
L.F.H. BETTS.

JAMES J. COSGROVE
WILLIAM TALLMAN,
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52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK.

CABLE ADDRESS.
"MIRAGE" NEW YORK.

May 13, 1912.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq., Director,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you, enclosed herewith, a medal of bronze composition, struck in Mexico, to commemorate the reunion of Presidents Diaz and Taft on the border line of Mexico and the United States, October 16, 1909, and containing bust portraits (more or less good likenesses) of the two celebrities involved. You will note that this is quite a different medal from the two I sent you sometime ago relating to the same incident. This medal was called to my attention by a collector who had seen a notice in the Journal of Numismatics of my presentation of the other medals to your Society. Please put this medal, as a gift from me, along with the others, in the Numismatic Society's collection. I am taking it for granted the Society has no specimen thereof.

Very sincerely,

Samuel R. Betts

Recd May 14

SAMUEL R. BETTS

52 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

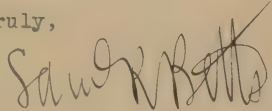
March 21, 1917.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

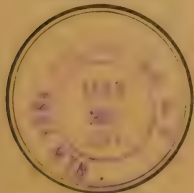
Dear Sirs:-

Referring to your announcement received by me
some time ago, you may send me one of the Lincoln Centennial
Plaques in bronze, price \$5.00. I enclose my check herewith
in payment.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Samuel R. Betts", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

MAILING OFFICE



AUDUBON PARK
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY

New York, March 22nd, 1917.

Mr. Samuel R. Betts,

52 William Street, New York.

To The American Numismatic Society, Dr.

No. 6260

Fee 3 cents.

This receipt represents a parcel
mailed at the post office indicated by
the post mark. It is insured against
loss to the amount of its actual value,
within limit of indemnity pre-
scribed by fee paid.

P. M. per

Copy, The Lincoln Plaque, Bronze, - - - - \$5.00

Received payment,

Treasurer.

Sent this day by parcel post, insured.

SAMUEL R. BETTS

52 WILLIAM STREET

NEW YORK

June 25, 1919.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

Referring to your circular in regard to the
Medal Commemorating the Signing of the Treaty of Peace,
issued by your Society, please send me, to above address,
~~please send me~~ two copies of the medal in bronze.

Enclosed find my check for \$10.00 to your
order, in payment for the two copies.

Yours truly,

Sam R. Betts

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SAMUEL R. BETTS

52 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

August 17, 1920

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 136th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

In looking over old collections, I find the following medals which I shall be glad to send you for your collection if desired, although not at all sure you want such things. They are struck in cheap white metal and of course have no interest whatever, except in connection with the occasions.

- 1.- Medal issued in connection with Public Reception and Banquet by the Municipal Authorities of New York City, August 29, 1866 to Andrew Johnson, 17th President of the United States.

On the obverse- Bust of Johnson looking to the left.

- 2.- Medal for One-Hundredth Anniversary of First Settlement of Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 4th, 1837.

On the obverse- Apparently a representation of the place as it then was.

- 3.- Medal of National Semi-centennial of Odd-Fellowship at Philadelphia April 26, 1869.

On the obverse- Bust of Thomas Willey.

If you desire these or any one of them, kindly let me know and I will forward.

Yours very truly,

Samuel R. Betts

August 16th, 1920

Samuel A. Betts, Esq.
52 William Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of August 17th,
we shall be very glad to have all three of the medals
which you so kindly offer to our Collection.

While, as you say, these medals have little
interest except in connection with the circumstances they
commemorate, it is just such remembrance as those that we
are glad to have and keep; and their historical value,
which will increase as the years go by, is of course
in excess of their intrinsic worth.

We very much appreciate your thought of adding
to our Collection.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

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SAMUEL R. BETTS
52 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

October 18, 1920

American Numismatic Society,
156th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:-

I will be much obliged if you can give me information in regard to a medal I own and I describe it as follows:-

It is a Napoleonic medal. On the obverse is head of Napoleon facing to the right, with the words "Napoleon I Empereur" surrounding. On the reverse, the French inscription, "Campagnes de 1792 ~~1815~~ a 1815 ~~1815~~," and inside that the inscription in French which I translate: "To his companions in glory, his last thought, St. Helena, May 5th, 1821." This entire medal is enclosed in a frame made up of leaves and surmounted by a crown with a small cross on top and a ring is inserted through top of crown through which the medal can be hung.

I presume the above is ample for identification, but I could send you the medal if desired. I have no doubt you have a duplicate in your collection. I would like to know by whom and under what circumstances this was issued and who the designer was, if you know.

Yours very truly,

Samuel R. Betts
(Life Member)

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

October 19th, 1920

Sammel R. Betts, Esq.
52 William Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 18th is before me. The medal of which you write is known as the St. Helens medal and was issued on August 18th, 1904, by decree of the French Government to all soldiers who had fought under Napoleon. As the number entitled to the medal was very considerable, there must have been a large number struck; consequently, the medals are not rare. Our Society has a specimen. You will doubtless have noticed that the ribbon is the same as that used in the World War for the Croix de Guerre.

This medal is described by Bransen, Vol. III, No. 2082, who gives four sizes - 20/20mm., 22/18mm., 23/13mm., and 17/11mm. The name of the designer is not given.

I trust this will give you the desired information.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SRH/S

SAMUEL R. BETTS

27 Cedar Street
New York

November 19, 1925.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Newell:-

Yours of November 10th is received. I am enclosing my check to order of the Treasurer of American Numismatic Society for twenty dollars to help in purchase of the Indian Peace Medals. I wish you success in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel R. Betts

November 20th, 1925

Samuel R. Betts, Esq.
27 Cedar Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Betts:

Your generous gift toward our Indian Peace Medal fund has just been received. You will be interested to learn that we have now received sufficient funds to cover the cost of the twenty medals particularly desired by the Society.

Our collection of Indian Peace medals is now a truly remarkable gathering, the like of which exists nowhere else in the world. The Society is, therefore, very appreciative of your loyal and generous assistance which has contributed so largely to the fortunate result as outlined above.

May I be allowed to add my own personal thanks to those of the Society?

Yours very gratefully,

President

SAMUEL R. BETTS

January 14, 1927

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

As a life member of the American Numismatic Society, I should be greatly obliged for any information you can give me on the following subject:-

I have been for a number of years endeavoring to complete a collection of medals struck in honor of men who have been students at or graduates of Yale College and University. I do not include those to whom only honorary degrees have been given. A list of such medals already in my possession is enclosed. You need not return as I am keeping a duplicate. If you have any in your collection or know of any other medals struck in honor of Yale men, I would be greatly obliged for information thereof. Probably you have no index showing college association of men in whose honor medals possessed by you are struck and a list of distinguished Yale men given by me would not help much as most of the specially distinguished have not been honored by medals, for example, I learn on inquiry from one of his sons that no medal was ever struck in honor of William M. Evarts.

Distinguished men in honor of whom medals might well have been struck, whose names occur to me are:

John C. Calhoun 1804
Alphonso Taft, 1833
Rev. Timothy Dwight 1769
Nathan Hale (although commemorated by a number of statues) 1769
Jonathan Edwards, 1720
Bishop Samuel Seabury, 1748
Lyman Beecher 1797
Leonard Bacon, 1820
Horace Bushnell 1827
Hiram Bingham 1853
John A. Trumbull, 1767
Peter Parker, 1831
Joel Barlow, 1778
J. Fenimore Cooper, 1806
W. P. Willis, 1827
Edmund C. Stedman, 1853
John Pierpont, 1804
James A. Hillhouse, 1808
Francis M. Finch, 1849
Samuel Johnson, 1714 (First President of Columbia College)
Elihu Wheelock, 1733 (First President of Dartmouth)
Thomas H. Gallaudet, 1805
F. A. P. Barnard, 1828 (President of Columbia University)
Daniel C. Gilman, 1852
Henry Barnard, 1830

William R. Harper, 1875 (First President of Chicago University)
Charles J. Stille, 1839
Charles L. Brace, 1846
Noah Webster, 1778
Noah Porter, 1831 (President of Yale)
James Hammond Trumbull, 1842
William G. Sumner, 1863
Benjamin Silliman, 1796
James D. Dana, 1833
J. Willard Gibbs, 1858
Othniel C. Marsh, 1860
Eli Whitney, 1792 (Inventor of the Cotton Gin)
Samuel F. B. Morse, 1810 (Inventor of electric telegraph)
Eli W. Blake, 1816 (Inventor of stone crushing machinery)
Frederick Remington (Artist and Sculptor)
William Samuel Johnson, 1744 (President of Columbia)
Oliver Wolcott, 1747 (Signer of Declaration of Independence)
Oliver Wolcott, 1778 (Secretary of the Treasury)
Samuel J. Tilden, 1837 (See list of medals I have)
Philip Livingston, 1737 (Signer of Declaration of Independence)
Lewis Morris, 1746 (Signer of Declaration of Independence)
Lyman Hall, 1747 (Signer of Declaration of Independence)
James Kent, 1781 (Author of Kent's Commentaries)
Judah P. Benjamin, 1829 (Secretary of State of Southern Confederacy)
Morrison R. White, 1837 (Chief Justice of U. S. Supreme Court)
Cassius M. Clay, 1832
Theodore Winthrop, 1848
David Wooster, 1738
Benjamin Talmsadge, 1773

This list is made up from my selections from the published volumes of Memorials of Eminent Yale Men, by Anson Phelps Stokes published in two volumes by Yale University Press in 1914. As this list has extended itself beyond what I thought in starting this letter, I would say that I should be glad to have you turn it over for this investigation, if involving any amount of time, to one of your associates and I would be glad to compensate him for time spent in such amount as you may indicate to me. While there is no special time within which I should have this information, I would be glad to hear from you as soon as convenient.

Very truly yours,

Samuel R. Betts

List of Medals struck in Honor of Men
Who have Graduated or Studied at
Yale - Owned by S. R. Betts.

Porter, Peter B. - Yale 1791 Bronze medal by Furst, for service.

Obv. bust, right profile, "Major General Peter B. Porter"

Rev. "Resolution of Congress, Nov. 3, 1814" (Figures of Victory and History in relief) "Battles of Chippewa
Niagara-Erie" ($2\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter)

Woolsey, Theodore, Yale 1820. "Woolsey Medal". A gold medal

was presented to President Woolsey in 1881 by Yale professors in honor of his 50 years service as teacher at Yale, 100 bronze medals were struck for the subscribers and the die was destroyed. My medal is bronze, by J. C. Chaplain.

Obv., Bust showing right profile.

Rev. Inscription with dates 1821-1881 enclosed in olive branches ($2\frac{3}{8}$ " in diameter)

Tilden, Samuel J. - Yale 1837 Fake Medal -

Obv., bust, right profile "O my offence is rank and smells to Heaven" Sammy Tilden Ciphered out 1876-78

Rev., "The Great Fraud"

"The people will never condone it."

"Cheats Uncle Sam on his income tax."

"Sammy the Shameless." ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter)

Tilden, Samuel J. - Yale 1837 - Fake Medal

Obv., bust, and name "Shammy Tilden"; also "Democratic Party Died of Tildenopathy 1876, in the 60th year of its age. Let it R.I.P."

Rev. "Manhattan Club Reception, N. Y., June 12, 1877. I don't care about your piece of cake, but I MUST show you my sore toe." ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter)

Taft, William H. - Yale 1878 Gilt medal. Busts and names of

Presidents Taft and Diaz, with title. Commemorating meeting of Presidents Taft and Diaz at El Paso, 1909.

Two specimens, struck by Schwaab, Milwaukee, one with Texas Star on reverse, other with American Eagle on reverse. Dated 1909. ($1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter)

Taft, William H. - Yale 1878 Bronze Medal. Busts of

Presidents Taft and Diaz and word "Libertad" On reverse

side "En Comemoracion de la Reunion de los Sres. Presidentes Porfirio Diaz y Wm. H. Taft, Oct. 16, 1909. En Juarez, Mexico, y El Paso, Texas. ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter)

Taft, William H. - Yale 1878 Inauguration medal, bronze. Sc.

Barber, del. Morgan. Obv. bust, showing right profile.

Rev., Capitol in relief, "March 4, 1909" etc. (3" in dia.)

Taft, William H. - Yale 1878 "Japanese" medal, bronze. Sc.

Barber, del. Morgan. Obv., bust, showing right profile.

Rev., Visit of the Honorable Commercial Commission of Japan to the U. S., October 1909" and Japanese inscription (3" in diameter.)

Medals in Honor of Yale Men
Not Owned by S. R. Betts

Thomas Robbins, Yale 1796 Medals struck in commemoration of
the 50th Anniversary of his death.

Daniel G. Brinton, Yale 1858 Medal bearing his portrait in
relief, etc., presented to him by a Philadelphia Association
(I can ascertain details and possibly secure a medal)

Henry P. Wright, Yale 1868 Medal or Plaque struck in 1909
size $8\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

William H. Taft, Yale 1878. Medal struck in the west by a
well known French artist. (I have not the details at
Present).

The University of Pennsylvania Library of Philadelphia 1888

1888

January 17, 1927

Mr. Samuel Betts,
270 Park Avenue,
New York City

Dear Mr. Betts:

Yours of the 14th inst. at hand and I shall be glad to endeavor to be of aid to you. It is particularly difficult to locate personal details of this sort but certainly in one or two cases, and I trust no more, than I can say off hand, there are models which can be added to your list.

I shall write you more fully as soon as possible..

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

February 4, 1927

Samuel R. Petts, Esq.,
270 Park Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 14th regarding graduates of Yale in whose honor medals have been struck-- please accept my apologies for the delay in replying. I had just finished certain facts, which would enable me to write you last week, when I was taken ill and have only been able to write.

May I ask whether your convenience would at any time permit you to visit our Museum. My reasons for suggesting this is that we have a number of pieces, which may or may not come within your category. For example, there are a considerable number of Wilson medals and medallions and whether you would want all of these is questionable. We have a number of medals of Mr. Taft, which you had not listed.

Regarding your list of medals not owned by you, the one in honor of Daniel G. Brinton was issued by the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia in 1899. We have another medal of Mr. Taft's modelled by T. Spencer ¹⁸⁸⁷ Jackson, who has also modelled a bust medallion of the President of our Society, Mr. Edward T. Newell, also a graduate of Yale. There is a medal of Mr. Everett Tracy, the Architect, by Henry Herring. I am not sure, but I am told that Mr. Chamuseau M. Dreyer is a graduate of Yale. There must surely be some medals that have been struck in his honor. Are you able to inform me whether Mr. S. P. Avery, Jr. was a graduate of Yale or not.

This quest is a peculiarly difficult one because most of us do not know the distinguished graduates of Yale. One reason for my suggesting that you give us the pleasure of a visit, was that you might go over our exhibition cases and very quickly recognize whether or not the men depicted come out of your list. From the circumstances that medallion portraits of Americans are rather uncommon before 1890 to 1892, it is rather

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unlikely that you will find much relating to graduates previous to that time, other than of an anniversary or centenary character. Would this meet your need or do you desire portraiture?

I shall be only too happy if the above provides any help and if you will write me further, I shall respond at greater length, especially if circumstances do not permit you to come.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

February 5, 1927

Robert J. Eidlitz, Esq.,
41 East 42nd St.,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the
1925 Moyeaux, which came this morn-
ing and which I am delighted to have
for the library.

Your very good friend to both
of us--the library and me, that is

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

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SAMUEL R. BETTS

February 9, 1927

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Thanks for yours of February 4th. There is no special haste on my part in regard to these Yale medals though I wish to push forward the collecting now as far as possible. I note what you say about a visit to your Museum. Clearly, that is the best way for further progress and I will make such a call as soon as convenient, but cannot fix any time now. I will phone in advance so as to be able to see you there.

The medal of Mr. Taft modeled by Simson is the one I had in mind in writing to you and they told me originals were exhausted, but offered to make a re-strike - quite expensive, and I did not follow the matter up then.

The Tracy medal you refer to is no doubt a medal of Mr. Evarts Tracy who died in 1922. I infer you have one of these and as I know members of his family and also his former partner, Mr. Egerton Swartwout, ~~you~~ could probably trace matter up through them.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew is a Yale graduate, Class of 1856. I can find out from his nephew Charles C. Paulding whether there are any medals of him.

Mr. S. D. Avery Jr. is not a graduate of Yale. I have a medal showing profile of Robert W. DeForest, Yale 1870, (President of Metropolitan Museum of Art) and his wife for their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. It was struck in 1922. The initials of the medallist are E. B. L. which you can readily identify. You must have, or should have this. There is also a medal to Dr. Nathan Smith, struck in honor of Yale Medical Centennial a few years ago. The Yale Library has that, but I have no copy.

Very truly yours,

Samuel R. Betts

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The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

As Executors of the Estate of
Samuel R. Betts , deceased, we ask you
to remove his name from your mailing list.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH A. O'CONNOR,
Assistant Trust Officer.